

MOTIVE SOUGHT

Many Witnesses Summoned in Attempts to Prove Plot in Killing.

HAYES HOME SEARCHED

Course of Bullets Traced in Effort to Establish Direction From Which They Were Fired—Many Facts Connected With the Sad Tragedy That Ended Floyd's Life.

The Conway correspondent of The State says as a result of a trip he made to Tabor, N. C., the scene of the killing of Robert M. Floyd on Saturday last by Mrs. Rosa Hayes, it was ascertained definitely that the preliminary hearing in this case will be held on Tuesday, the 14th, at Whiteville. This date has been agreed on by all parties interested.

Magistrate W. C. Graham of Tabor has been designated to sit in the case and this morning he was busy binding over witnesses. Up until noon Thursday 22 witnesses had been bound over by the State, and judging by the activity of the relatives of the slain man, still more witnesses may be summoned.

All of these witnesses live in and around Tabor, and they have been summoned, it is learned, in an attempt to prove a motive for the killing other than the statements made by Mrs. Hayes and to implicate in the horrible affair others whom Mr. Floyd's relatives and friends claim were parties to a plot to get him to Tabor and take his life.

One with no knowledge of the killing would be impressed on arriving at Tabor with the idea that some great calamity had befallen this quiet but busy little town. Notwithstanding the fact that it has been five days since the occurrence and the subsequent removal of the prisoners to Whiteville, Tabor is yet all astir over the occurrence.

Groups are gathered here and there, discussing the tragedy, each comparing rumors and theories with the other in an effort to solve the mystery surrounding the tragic death of young Floyd.

The Hayes home is situated only a few feet back from the sidewalk of a broad open side street and only about 200 yards from the main street of the town. Within 40 feet of the house on either side are other dwellings, one being a hotel which on the night of the killing was well filled with guests. Hayes' barber shop is only about 100 yards from his home. One standing at the front of the shop has an unobstructed view of the Hayes home.

The house is a four room dwelling, a hall running between the two rooms on each side. The hall opens by a door on the front porch, which door Mrs. Hayes in her testimony stated was locked.

The door to her bed room, which she states that Floyd entered, is several feet down the hall to the right. Floyd's hat was hung on a rack on the left wall of the hall beyond the bed room door.

The bed to which Mrs. Hayes states Floyd forced her stands in the extreme right hand corner of the room, but to the left of the bed room door.

Mrs. Hayes' retreat backwards followed by Floyd, as she states in her testimony, carried her the width of a room through a door into the hall, the length of this hall, through the front door and across about ten feet of porch, Floyd having been found at the extreme front of the porch with one foot out on the top step.

Those who saw Mr. Floyd before he was moved state that his form lay in such a position that anyone returning to the hall would be forced to go over his prostrate form. Mrs. Hayes' statement is that she fell out of the door ahead of Mr. Floyd and that she afterward returned to the house and secured another pistol and shot him again in the head.

A thorough search was made of the bed room of the Hayes home in which the shooting is stated to have occurred.

The carpet was removed from the floor and two bullets were accounted for. One, a lead bullet, was found lodged in a sill under the floor, the course of the bullet being a downward slant, indicating that it came from the direction of the hall door to the bed room.

Another bullet had plowed through the top of the floor at such a slant as to pass out through the window sash several feet from the floor. This bullet could not be found, but was evidently fired from the same place as the other.

Hayes bought a number of steel bullets from a local hardware dealer about ten days ago, stating at the time that he wanted his wife to practice with his new automatic. Next door neighbors have frequently since then seen Mr. and Mrs. Hayes target practicing with this pistol in their back yard.

LOSES HIS OFFICE

PROTECTING VICE CAUSES MAYOR'S DOWNFALL.

Mayor Gill of Seattle Accused of Having Allowed Immoral Conditions and is Recalled.

Hiram C. Gill, elected mayor of Seattle, a year ago, was ousted from office by the voters participating in the recall election Wednesday, and George W. Dilling, Public Welfare League candidate, was chosen by a plurality of 6,000 votes to serve as mayor during the remainder of the term for which Mayor Gill had been elected.

When Mayor Gill was elected a year ago he received 18,000 votes out of 36,000 cast. Eight months after he was elected the women of the State of Washington were enfranchised and to this fact is due the decisive victory won by the recall advocates in Wednesday's election.

Of the 71,000 votes registered, 22,000 were women and a large majority of them, it is admitted, voted for the recall of Mayor Gill. The voting was heavy in all parts of the city, but the most notable increases were in the residence sections. The total was more than 60,000.

Mayor-elect Dilling received 31,000; Mayor Gill 25,000, and Brown (Socialist), 4,500. Gill was charged with protecting immorality. Dilling will take office on Saturday.

Mayor Gill's troubles began the moment he announced he would appoint Charles Wapenstein as chief of police. Wapenstein was formerly chief of detectives in Cincinnati. He was involved in the scandal that led to the shooting of former Chief of Police Meredith in a street duel in the city. Pressure was brought on the mayor to remove Wapenstein, and Wapenstein later sought to resign.

As soon as it was announced last November that the women suffrage amendment had been adopted, the movement to recall Mayor Gill took active form under a provision of the city charter, and the women entered vigorously into the campaign. Women stood in line with the men at the polls, and were as quick to grasp the voting instructions as their experienced men folk.

SPOILED CORN SEIZED.

Damaged Grain Reported From Several Sections.

Shipments of spoiled corn to South Carolina have been held up by the feedstuffs department of the State department of agriculture. The department was Wednesday notified by consignees in several sections of the State that carload lots of corn in a damaged condition had been received. Commissioner Watson, upon the receipt of the messages, rushed inspectors of the department to make an investigation.

"The law will be vigorously enforced," said the commissioner, "and it is very probable that several of the cars of corn will have to be destroyed." Samples of the corn sent to the department showed it to be in a decayed condition. The corn is being shipped here from without the State. The spoiled corn problem has afforded a great deal of annoyance to the department.

The department has had careful botanical and other analysis made and has succeeded in identifying the fungi formed in the heart of the heated damaged corn, and has established a good many other points which enable the men with the department to identify the corn that is dangerous to men and animals. The commissioner will not permit the corn to be shipped out of the State. Ten samples are drawn from each car.

SERIOUS REVOLT.

Natives of Ponape Island Kill Several Germans.

The steamer Zealandia, brought reports of the revolution suppressed by German warships on Ponape Island in the Carolines. The rising started from the punishment of a native workman.

The German overseers took to flight and sheltered in a Catholic mission, which the natives placed under siege. The defenders, nine in number, all Germans, were killed.

Father Gebhard, the missionary, was killed when seeking to leave the mission and the road superintendents were backed to pieces after a gallant fight at the beach, where they sought to launch a boat.

Virtue is like precious odors most fragrant when they are incensed or crushed.

other house than this one till the 15th of January.

Leaving a brother of Mr. Floyd in Whiteville the dead man's father, M. T. Floyd, and a brother, Herbert Floyd, spent the morning in Loris, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes' old home, and came on to Conway this afternoon. It is understood that Robert B. Scarborough of Conway will be employed to aid in the prosecution.

The father of the deceased stated to your correspondent that each day he grows more firm in his belief that a scheme was laid for his son and that he grows all the more determined to see the matter pushed

MANY SET FREE

Governor Ansel's Pardon Record During Last Year of His Term

USED HIS POWER AFTER

Convicts Serving Sentences for Various Crimes and Misdemeanors Given Unconditional Freedom, Pardon or Sentences Commuted During Last Year of Governor Ansel's Administration.

There has just come from the press Gov. Ansel's pardon record for the year 1910. The following are the names of those who received pardons in full:

Pardons Granted.

Bland, Richard, Aiken county; crime, murder; sentence, life in the penitentiary.

Brazell, Warren G., Richland county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, two years on chain gang.

Burnette, W. Mason, Aiken county; crime, breach of trust with fraudulent intent; sentence, six months imprisonment.

Carson, Fannie, Spartanburg county; crime, murder; sentence, life in penitentiary.

Carter, Willie, Aiken county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; sentence, five years in reformatory.

Dawson, Rosa, Spartanburg county; crime, larceny; sentence, a fine.

Foster, Lella, Spartanburg county; crime, petit larceny; sentence, twenty-five days on county chain gang.

Garrison, J. H., Laurens county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, two years in the penitentiary.

Green, Robert, Orangeburg county; crime, rape; sentence, life imprisonment in penitentiary.

Gruber, Bascomb B., Newberry county; crime, petit larceny; sentence, fine of twenty dollars.

Kilgore, Robert, Lee county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, seven years on county chain gang.

Laury, Robert, Richland county; crime, statutory burglary; sentence, three years at hard labor.

Mims, W. T., Barnwell county; crime, breach of trust; sentence, to pay fine of ten dollars.

Moore, Cohen, Anderson county; crime, petit larceny; sentence —

Renew, Gary, Aiken county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; sentence, five years in reformatory.

Roberts, E. B., Charleston county; crime, larceny; sentence, one year imprisonment.

Sandifer, Walter E., Bamberg county; crime, arson; sentence, fifteen years in penitentiary.

Swilling, Wilkie, Greenville county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, seven years in penitentiary, light labor.

Taylor, Durant, Chesterfield county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; sentence, six months on chain gang or fine of one hundred dollars.

Paroles Granted.

Bell, Irby, Laurens county; crime, burglary and larceny; sentence, eighteen months on chain gang of county.

Burton, David, Anderson county; crime, murder; sentence, life in penitentiary.

Copeland, Perk, Bamberg county; crime, murder; sentence, two years on chain gang.

Davis, Jonas, Chesterfield county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; sentence, five years imprisonment.

Fraser, Harriet, Charleston county; crime, larceny from the person; sentence, one year imprisonment.

Good, B. H., Greenville county; sentence, two years in jail.

Gardner, Thomas, Kershaw county; crime, assault with intent to kill; sentence, one year imprisonment.

Good, B. H., Greenville county; crime, violation of the dispensary law; sentence, six months imprisonment or fine of \$200.

Hallman, Isaac, Richland county; crime, abduction; sentence, two years in penitentiary.

Harris, William, Lancaster county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; sentence, to reformatory in Lexington.

Hendrix, Frank, Barnwell county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; five years on chain gang.

King, Herman E., Greenwood county; crime, murder; life in penitentiary.

Love, James L., Keeshaw county; crime, murder; sentence life in penitentiary.

May, Chas. S., York county; crime, breach of trust with fraudulent intent; sentence, three years in county jail.

Melton, Marshall, York county; crime, grand larceny; sentence, three years in penitentiary.

Outen, Phillip, Fairfield county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; sentence, two years on chain gang.

Rivers, J. Horace, Newberry county; crime, assault and battery, sentence, three years in penitentiary.

Rochester, W. H., Oconee county; crime, selling liquor; sentence, six months on chain gang.

Wilcox, Marion, Spartanburg county; crime, housebreaking; sentence, one year imprisonment.

Communities Granted.

Anderson, Washington, Clarendon county; crime, accessory to murder; sentence, five years on chain gang.

Communitation granted, to reduce sentence to four years.

Boyd, Edmund, Newberry county;

crime, breach of trust; sentence, three years on chain gang.

Communitation granted, to reduce sentence to June 1, 1910.

Clair, Willie, Darlington county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, two years on chain gang or penitentiary.

Cuffy, John, Greenville county; crime, murder; sentence, to hang January 5, 1910.

Communitation granted to a sentence of ten years of hard labor in State penitentiary.

David, Warren, Anderson county; crime, breach of trust; sentence, nine months on chain gang.

Communitation granted, to a fine of \$150 or serve out sentence.

Dial, Frank, Greenville county; crime, burglary; sentence, life imprisonment in penitentiary.

Communitation granted to five years of hard labor in State penitentiary.

Gadsden, Alonzo, Barnwell county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, two years on chain gang.

Communitated granted for sentence to expire December 24, 1910, to December 16, 1910.

Garvin, William, Barnwell county; crime, assault and battery with intent to kill; sentence, three years on chain gang.

Communitation granted to fine of \$100.

Harrison, Richard, Spartanburg county; crime, violation of dispensary law; sentence, \$300 or six months imprisonment.

Communitation granted to a fine of \$100 or six months on chain gang.

Jones, R. T., Lexington county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, twenty-one years imprisonment in penitentiary.

Communitation granted to reduce sentence three months.

Leach, Levi, York county; crime, statutory burglary; sentence, three years on chain gang.

Communitation granted to two years from date of sentence.

Scott, Elmore, Aiken county; crime, assault and battery of high and aggravated nature; sentence, one year on chain gang.

Communitation granted to \$100, after three months' service on chain gang.

Sisson, Thomas, Pickens county; crime, burglary; sentence, five years on chain gang.

Communitation granted to reduce sentence to three years on chain gang.

Smith, Ed, Saluda county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, six years in penitentiary.

Communitation granted, to reduce sentence to two years and transfer prisoner to chain gang.

Wilson, Preston, Union county; crime, manslaughter; sentence, two years in penitentiary.

Communitation granted to reduce sentence one year and eleven months at hard labor on county chain gang.

Taylor, Hannah, Sumter county; crime, violation of dispensary law; sentence, six months imprisonment.

Communitation granted, to reduce sentence three months.

Toutley, John, Fairfield county; crime, statutory burglary; sentence, three years on chain gang.

Communitation granted, to reduce sentence to two years and four months.

White, McRay, Dillon county; crime, grand larceny; sentence, one year on chain gang.

Communitation granted, to reduce sentence to nine months.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

Kansas City Lady Wins Her Breach of Promise Suit.

Miss Ethel McKee, the Kansas City stenographer who sued Prof. Grant H. Crain, of Ottawa, Kan., for \$25,000 for breach of promise, got a verdict of \$10,000.

Miss McKee was at one time a pupil of Prof. Crain, in Ottawa. He proposed to her seven years ago, after a short acquaintance, and the wedding day was named. When the time approached he asked that the wedding be postponed. Miss McKee had her trousseau prepared, but she acceded to the request. She testified that the wedding was postponed ten times and that she had to alter her wedding dress four times because of the changing styles.

Prof. Crain, who is now the proprietor of the Ottawa Business College, wrote Miss McKee more than 300 letters.

Children Cremated.

Two children were cremated, the mother seriously burned and three other children who were dropped from a second story window were slightly hurt Wednesday when fire destroyed the home of Peter Eckland in South New Castle, Pa. Mrs. Eckland sustained burns about the body and was injured when she leaped from the window and went back for the other two. Cut off from their room by the flames, the mother was forced to leap to save her own life.

Last Sea Trip.

The battleship Texas, which is to be used as a target in fleet manoeuvres off the Virginia coast, arrived in Hampton Roads Wednesday, from Charleston, S. C., followed by the tug Patapsco. The Texas came later to the Norfolk navy yard, where she will remain for the present.

Blew Up the Boat.

Two Americans were drowned Wednesday morning, when a gasoline explosion, aboard the 40-foot launch Dixie, formerly the flagship of Gen. Lee Christmas, revolutionary Honduras leader, destroyed the vessel two miles off Puerto Cortez point.

PASS IT OVER

The House Continues the School Bill to Last of the Session.

PRACTICALLY KILLED

The Bill Will Probably Be Taken Up Next Session, But It Will Hardly Be Considered Again This Session, as It Was Postponed to the Very Last Day.

The House practically killed the new school bill, for this session at least, when it continued it to the last day. The House's reversal of its position on the bill was a great surprise. Several motions hostile to the bill had been snowed under, but at the psychological moment a motion was made to adjourn debate until the last day of this session, and this motion swept the house, the bill thus being in effect sidetracked as above stated. The vote was 63 to 42, not voting 19. Those who voted in favor of the motion to postpone the bill were:

Messrs. Arnold, Ashley, Ayer, Bailey, Beamguard, Bowman, B. H. Brown, T. P. Brown, Benter, Cary, Charles, Connor, J. M. Daniel, Davis, Dixon, Isaac Edwards, Erickman, Gary, Gilbert, Graham, Hamilton, Harrison, Hill, Hopkins, Hunter, Hutto, Irby, Jackson, Jones, Kirkland, Leland, Lengnick, McCravy, McDow, McQueen, Magill, Mauldin, Mims, Mitchell, Moore, Mover, H. A. Odom, W. P. Odom, Paulling, Pegues, Polk, Rembert, Richardson, Sanders, Scott, Seaton, P. L. Shuler, C. D. Smith, D. L. Smith, K. P. Smith, Stanley, Stevenson, Tobias, Watson, Wells, Williams, Willis, Wingard.

Those who opposed deferring action were Speaker Smith and Messrs. Baskin, Belsler, Bethea, Bowers, Boyd, Brice, W. L. Daniel, Dick, Doar, Dobson, DuBoise, Drummond, E. C. Edwards, Fraser, Fultz, Harris, Horibek, James, Ketchin, Kibler, Kirvin, Lee, McKeown, Manuel, Meares, Miller, Motte, Nicholson, Osborne, Reeves, Riley, Sawyer, Saye, C. T. Shuler, Singleton, Tison, Turnbull, Vander Horst, Whisnaut, Wyche, Youmans.

The absentees were Messrs. Bodie, Booker, Browning, Bryan, Chandler, Courtney, Earle, Evans, Gasque, Hines, Hott, Kellehan, League, Mansfield, Nunnery, Peoples, Salley, Todd, Vincent.

Fight on the Bill.

When the school bill came up Wednesday morning, under the head of "debate interrupted," consideration of the committee amendments was resumed. Mr. Mower's amendment offered the night before was adopted. This provided that the section in the bill with reference to the manner of appointing the State board of education be struck out and the following substituted: "The State board of education shall consist of the governor, the State superintendent of education and one member from each congressional district to be appointed by the governor."

The house adopted Mr. Drummond's amendment that no aid shall be given to high schools in towns of more than 2,500 population. The committee had suggested "more than 1,000 population."

Trust the People.

Mr. Mower sought to have adopted an amendment that the county boards of education consist of five members to be elected by the people. This was tabled on motion of Mr. Sawyer. The proposition then recurred to the committee amendment that the county boards be appointed on the recommendation of the legislative delegation.

At this point the house, which had been growing more and more restless under the adopting of amendments showed more and more a disposition against the whole matter. Mr. Williams of Aiken, who has "preached the funeral of Heyward county," had also started an opposition to this bill which later manifested itself.

Mr. Wingard opposed the appointment of the county boards upon the recommendation of legislative delegations. He declared that it would interfere with the work of the legislature, delegations would be assailed by applicants for positions on county boards of education and valuable time would be lost. There is that in human nature which likes power and persons seek positions which give power. He stands by the old Democratic doctrine of letting the people govern. The United States senators are to be elected by the people, why not other officers?

Afraid of the People.

Mr. Ayer disagreed with Mr. Wingard. He thought this the way to get the good board by the use of the appointing power.

Mr. Watson of Anderson opposed the bill. He is in thorough accord with the efforts of the commission, but the bill is the most momentous of the whole session and the judgment of the members of the house is premature. The shortest and most concrete way of managing the schools is the best, and for that reason he favors the bill in part, but the provisions for carrying out the law are objectionable. He does not believe in the appointive power. They who use it are influenced by favoritism. In his county they have had good superintendents of education,

THE EARTH CAVING IN

A BOTTOMLESS HOLE APPEARS NEAR GAINESVILLE, FLA.

Just How Deep the Water in This Hole is Cannot be Estimated With Accuracy.

Another "sink" on Alachua Lake, just across from the chain of "sinks" south of the city, developed some time during Wednesday night, says the Sun, of Gainesville, Fla., and as a result the trains over the Atlantic Coast Line were annulled after the Leesburg-Jacksonville train which reached here Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

According to the Sun's account the first report that reached the city was brought by Conductor Frederick, who was advised of the trouble by Section Foreman Thigpen, who made the discovery early in the morning on his way to the south end of his section.

When Mr. Thigpen first discovered the new sink it was not more than 10 or 15 feet in diameter, but it spread very rapidly during the morning hours, and by the arrival of the Leesburg passenger train it had grown to about 40 feet, one large chunk of earth following after another in rapid succession, and the ground cracking for a space of several feet around the entire hole.

At about the noon hour this place presented a rather interesting scene, for at this time the great loads of earth were rolling in at intervals, and with them the water would boil and sizzle as though it was hot iron being struck in place. The great pool also resembled the waves of the sea, for during all day it was in motion, sometimes being greater than others, and up to last night the earth was still falling.

Reports from the place last night were to the effect that the hole had covered a distance of 125 feet running north and south, while from the east to west banks the distance is fully 100 feet.

This sink developed some 200 yards this side of the one that occurred there a few years ago, when a local freight train with many cars fell to the bottom of the place, but fortunately there was no water in this one, and it was easily filled in, and is used today the same as the old roadbed.

Just how deep the water in this new place is cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy, for during the forenoon a large tree that was fully 30 or more feet tall was in the middle of the place, and in the afternoon it had disappeared as though nothing but a bottomless hole was there to receive anything that came its way.

There are a number of old sinks in the vicinity, but the new one is larger than any of the others.

SOON THE DOG WAS DEAD.

Huge Gorilla and Bull Dog Battle to the Death.

A battle to the death between a gorilla and an English bull dog, in which the gorilla was the victor, was the attraction Wednesday night with almost the entire male population of New Iberia, La., as spectators.

A pen 12 feet square and 8 feet high was arranged for the combat with seats on all sides. The dog and gorilla were placed into the pen at 12 midnight. At 12.02.30 the dog was dead.

The dog leaped at the gorilla immediately after being placed into the pen. The gorilla caught the dog just as a man catches a baseball, then bit quickly through the dog's skull into the brain, broke its back and tore it to pieces.

Find Four Dead.

A tragedy growing out of the inability of the head of the house to provide properly for his wife and two children, is the way the police sum up the discovery of four corpses in a Brooklyn home today. The victims were Frank Bernard, his wife and their two children. The family were victims of asphyxiation from illuminating gas.

Many Drown.

Several coasting vessels in the Mediterranean are still missing and it is feared that they were lost during the recent storm. On the Catalonian coast alone five barks were wrecked and 43 persons drowned.</